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Letter dated 8 January 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit the text, in English and French, of a statement of the European Community and its member States on the death of five members of the Monitor Mission to Yugoslavia, issued at Lisbon, on 7 January 1992 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the text of the present letter and its annex circulated as an official document of the forty-seventh session of the General Assembly under the item entitled "Review of the implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security".

(Signed) Fernando REINO
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to the United Nations

ANNEX

Statement on the death of five members of the Monitor Mission to Yugoslavia of the European Community, issued at Lisbon on 7 January 1992 by the European Community and its States members

The European Community and its member States are apalled and dismayed by the tragic events that occurred today and which have caused the death of five members of the Monitor Mission to Yugoslavia.

The Community and its member States urgently call for a thorough investigation of the circumstances which have led to this grave incident, in order to determine responsibilities to the fullest extent.

To this end, the Head of the Monitor Mission has been instructed to organize immediately a tripartite commission of inquiry.

The Presidency's Representative in Belgrade has also received instructions to meet, in a troika format, the local authorities with a view to securing their complete cooperation with the above-mentioned investigation.

The Community and its member States solemnly recall the commitments accepted by all parties involved in the present crisis to ensure the security of all members of the Monitor Mission, and strongly urge them to abstain from any act which might jeopardize the present cease-fire, which must be seen as the key element in the search for a peaceful and negotiated solution.

The Community and its member States express their deepest sympathy and solidarity to the relatives of the victims and pay tribute to the courage displayed by all members of the Monitor Mission which has been so severely tested since the beginning of its activities.